

What is claimed is:

1. A method of modifying a toner cartridge intended for operation in a first type of printer to operate in a second type of printer, the method comprising:
  - removing at least a portion of a laser shutter fin attached to the toner cartridge at a first location; and
  - attaching a new laser shutter fin to the toner cartridge at a second location, said second location differing from the first location.
2. The method of claim 1 wherein:
  - before the step of removing, the laser shutter fin was positioned to engage a laser shutter of the first type of printer, and
  - after the step of attaching, the new laser shutter is positioned to engage a laser shutter of the second type of printer.
3. The method of claim 1 further comprising:
  - attaching a chip mounting patch to the toner cartridge; and
  - attaching a computer chip to the chip mounting patch.
4. The method of claim 3 wherein the computer chip is adapted for operation with the second type of printer.
5. The method of claim 3 wherein the chip mounting patch comprises at least one upright flange positioned to engage a chip contact device of the second type of printer.
6. The method of claim 1 wherein the toner cartridge comprises a first type of transfer gear, the method further comprising:
  - replacing the first type of transfer gear with a second type of transfer gear, said first type of transfer gear for operation with the first type of printer and said second type of transfer gear for operation with the second type of printer.
7. The method of claim 6 wherein the first type of transfer gear is a straight spur gear and the second type of transfer gear is a helical gear.
8. The method of claim 6 wherein the toner cartridge includes a drum assembly comprising the first type of transfer gear, and wherein the step of replacing the first type of transfer gear further comprises replacing the drum assembly with a new drum assembly comprising the second type of transfer gear.
9. A method of modifying a toner cartridge adapted for operation in a first type of printer to operate in a second type of printer, said toner cartridge comprising a

laser shutter fin located in a first location to engage a laser shutter of the first type of printer, said toner cartridge not comprising an electronic chip, the method comprising:

removing at least a portion of the laser shutter fin attached to the toner cartridge at the first location;

attaching a new laser shutter fin to the toner cartridge at a second location, said second location differing from the first location;

attaching a chip mounting patch to the toner cartridge; and

attaching an electronic chip to the chip mounting patch.

10. The method of claim 9 wherein the new laser shutter is positioned to engage a laser shutter of the second type of printer.

11. The method of claim 10 wherein the electronic chip is adapted for operation with the second type of printer.

12. The method of claim 10 wherein the chip mounting patch comprises at least one upright flange positioned to engage a chip contact device of the second type of printer.

13. The method of claim 9 wherein the toner cartridge comprises a first type of transfer gear, the method further comprising:

replacing the first type of transfer gear with a second type of transfer gear, said first type of transfer gear for operation with the first type of printer and said second type of transfer gear for operation with the second type of printer.

14. The method of claim 13 wherein the first type of transfer gear is a straight spur gear and the second type of transfer gear is a helical gear.

15. The method of claim 13 wherein the toner cartridge includes a drum assembly comprising the first type of transfer gear, and wherein the step of replacing the first type of transfer gear further comprises replacing the drum assembly with a new drum assembly comprising the second type of transfer gear.